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SUBJ: ISSUANCE OF REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS IN USSR

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1. EMBASSY FILES INDICATE THAT DURING 1972 CALENDAR YEAR EMBASSY ISSUED 21 REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS. TO DATE EMBASSY HAS ISSUED 20 REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS THIS CALENDAR YEAR TO PERSONS WHOSE PASSPORTS WERE LOST OR STOLEN IN USSR.

2. REF PARA 1 REFTEL, SIX REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS WERE ISSUED IN SUCH CASES IN AUGUST 1972 AND ONLY FOUR IN AUGUST 1973. (FOUR ADDITIONAL REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS WERE ISSUED AUGUST 1973 TO PERSONS WHO LOST OR LEFT THEIR PASSPORTS IN US AND CAME TO USSR WITHOUT PASSPORTS.)

3. THE SOVIET STATE TRAVEL AGENCY INTOURIST HAS REPORTED THAT 66,665 AMERICAN CITIZENS VISITED SOVIET UNION IN 1972, AND THAT 1973 TOTALS MAY SHOW 15 PERCENT GAIN.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS NO DIFFICULTY WITH PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW FACTS ABOVE, EMBASSY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND PPT CONCLUSION THAT SHARP RISE OF PASSPORT LOSSES OR THEFTS IN USSR HAS OCCURRED. FACTS APPEAR TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTRARY, THAT SUCH LOSSES ARE DECLINING AS PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL US CITIZEN TRAVEL IN USSR.

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